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DATE: 30 April 1943

FROM : Communications

SUBJECT: GENERAL- Communications
SPECIFIC- Communications Operations Letter #1.
Cairo.

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RE-REVIEW

Inasmuch as the Communications Officers in Latin America have been away from the Home office for some time we consider it desirable to bring up to date general background information relative to the Latin American Radio Service. With this thought in mind, an attempt will be made to acquaint the Field with the current status of the items covered below. This Operations Letter should provide the Field with the same type of information, in general, which has been requested from the Field by this office in the Field Communications Reports.

I. RADIO INSTALLATION.

A. The receiver station is being operated in a nearby locality. This station is manned and operated 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. Transmitter facilities are furnished by another government organization, but it is expected that this organization will have its own transmitters within the next few months. As is usually the case when facilities are borrowed, there are problems. One chronic difficulty has been caused by the length of the keying lines which are often affected by meteorological conditions. It is expected that this condition will be remedied when our transmitter station is in operation.

B. The transmitter generally used in the Latin American service on 16720 kcs has an output of 15 kw and is used in conjunction with a rhombic antenna beamed 170°. For the past several months this combination has provided excellent service to almost all stations. The [redacted] bulletin is being transmitted daily on 16720, commencing at 2200Z and continuing until approximately 0330Z. When 16720 is used for Bulletin transmitting, a 3 kw transmitter into a double-s antenna is used on 16700 kcs to maintain normal service to Latin America. While major activity with the Latin American stations usually ends at approximately 0200Z, it should be noted that a CQ watch is kept at 0200, 0700 and 1000Z daily on 16720 kcs. In addition to these CQ periods, the Rico can

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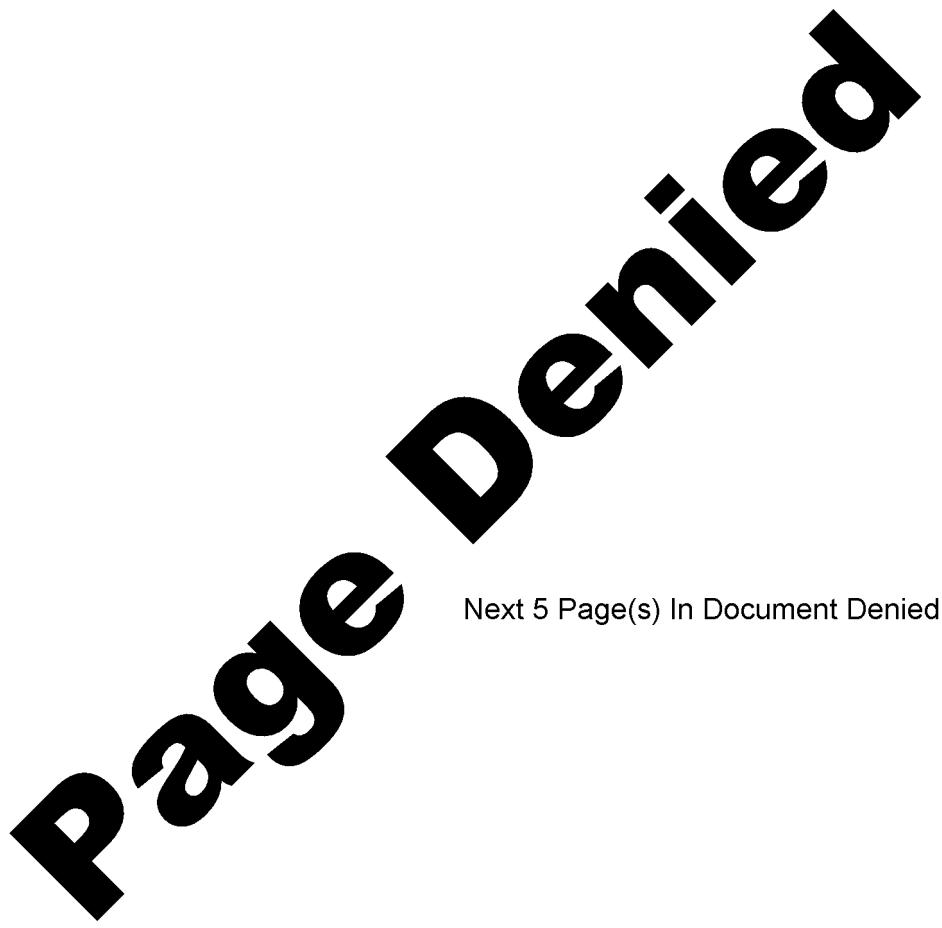


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